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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed January 9, 2008, in connection with the above referenced patent application, the Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.